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Students' innovative study of L.A. housing crisis wins big. – Aquarium won't solve Toronto's tourism problems. – Plans for Manhattan's Hudson Yards miss the mark: "Architects who have invested the most time in developing a broader, more enlightened view of how cities function are typically pushed to the sidelines." – Aqua development in Miami mixes high design and new urbanism...sort of. – Preservationists and developers on the same page for Vancouver neighborhood. – Not so for Toronto icon. – Hadid's opera house in China underway. – A new HQ in London is "one of the best, most thoughtful pieces of architecture to arrive in the capital for a long time." – A big development in the docklands area of Drogheda gets bigger. – Getting to the top of the Empire State Building will be more entertaining. – A Paul Rudolph penthouse in New York in the middle of a not-so-neighborly feud. – Big names, bright lights: Edinburgh gets a boost as host to Stifling Prize ceremonies in October. – Alsop's visions on view in Manchester.

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UCLA's "L.A. Now" Project Wins 2005 Progressive Architecture Award (P/A) by Architecture magazine: Innovative approach to area's housing crisis - Thom Mayne/Morphosis; UCLA Architecture Research Studios- Santa Monica Mirror (California)

Aquarium won't end tourism woes: Toronto's image as `Kmart destination' hurts. By Christopher Hume-Toronto Star

West Side Plans Lack a Unifying Vision: Hudson Yards, a 40-block site at the edge of Midtown Manhattan...would have been an opportunity to think on a more heroic scale. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Cooper, Robertson & Partners; Arquitectonica; Olin Partnership [images] - New York Times

New Urban Meets Modern in South Florida: On tiny Allison Island...the most unusual residential development in Miami's recent history is nearing completion...Aqua - Duany Plater-Zyberk; Walter Chatham; Alexander Gorlin; Hariri & Hariri; Allison Spear; etc.- The Next American City

<u>Gastown facelift seeks to restore shine: Plan calls for real estate, investment aid to rehabilitate [Vancouver] historic area</u>- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Not your typical heritage site: New legislation...could place the Inn on the Park at the centre of a debate between developers and architectural historians...an unashamedly modernist manner that recalls both Frank Lloyd Wright and Daniel Libeskind. - Peter Dickinson (1963)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Guangzhou starts opera house: expected to become the biggest performing centre in South China and to be one of the three biggest theatres in the nation. - Zaha Hadid-China Daily

His Light Materials: Michael Hopkins and the Wellcome Trust headquarters: ...one of the best, most thoughtful pieces of architecture to arrive in the capital for a long time. By Hugh Pearman [images]- HughPearman.com

27-storey tower to extend €300m Drogheda scheme: will form part of a shopping, leisure and residential development in the docklands area of Drogheda. - Douglas Wallace Architects [image]- The Irish Times

Empire State Building to Update Its Tourist Experience: The waiting areas will be transformed...to minimize delays and add a dash of entertainment for those who wait. - BRC Imagination Arts- New York Times

Brick Walls, and Bad Blood: A penthouse designed by Paul Rudolph is at the center of a bitter and increasingly bizarre feud between neighbors...- New York Times

Top architects pencilled in for city awards night: Stirling Prize awards ceremony at the Royal Museum [Edinburgh] in October...a boost for the city.- The Scotsman (UK)

"SuperCity: Will Alsop's Vision For The Future Of The North" at Manchester's Urbis Centre January 20-May 15 - Urban Splash- icCheshire (UK)

<u>Castle Keep: Boston Smith & Wollensky: Elegance and Americana make a perfect recipe for a classic steakhouse. - Haverson Architecture and Design [images]- ArchNewsNow</u>

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